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SCOUT COMMITTEE GOES TO SHUQUAK

RETURNS TO CITY WITH MOST ENCOURAGING NEWS.

CROWDS COMING TO HIGHWAY MEETING

Publicity Committee Meets and Arranges Plans for Convention Dec. 8th.

Promises by many citizens from Brooksville, Macon and Shuquak to attend the Jackson Highway Association convention here December 8, were made to the members of the scout committee who left here early yesterday morning, and returned about 6:30 o'clock last evening after taking in the different towns between this city and Shuquak.

Those who composed the scout committee who made the trip yesterday to boost the convention were Messrs. Arthur Stanel, W. H. Carter, J. E. Waters, J. W. Wright, Walter Phillips and Scott Moss. Another committee will leave early this morning for Vernon, Sulligent and other Alabama towns, to work up interest in the meeting.

The members of the committee were received very enthusiastically yesterday at all of the towns along the way, and at Brooksville, the citizens promised to send thirty-nine delegates and nine automobiles to the convention next Wednesday. Many men expect to send twenty-six or more delegates and eleven machines, and Shuquak boosters state they will be represented by thirty boosters and six cars.

Last night a meeting of the general arrangement committee was held at the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of outlining plans for the convention.

The meeting to be held on December the eighth is for the purpose of inciting interest in this immediate territory in the effort which is being made to have the route through Mississippi decided upon as the Jackson Memorial Highway.

FRANKLIN TO GIVE MEDAL FOR GOOD MARKSMANSHIP

BEST RIFLEMAN IN JUNIOR CLASS EACH YEAR TO RECEIVE GOLD MEDAL.

Agricultural College, Miss., Nov. 29.—To stimulate better marksmanship among the cadets, Hon. T. B. Franklin, of Columbus, who is a believer in preparedness, has arranged with First Lieutenant Louis Farrell, of the United States army, now commandant at the A. and M. College, to award a gold medal to be worn by the best rifleman in the Junior class each year.

Lieut. Farrell is in receipt of Mr. Franklin's check for \$25 for the purchase of the medal, and is now selecting an appropriate design. The medal will be worn for a year by the Junior who makes the highest score in target practice and at the end of the year will be passed along to the best marksman in the following Junior class.

The target practice will be done with the regular Springfield army rifle under the supervision of the commandant. Each contestant must shoot rapid fire, that is five shots in twenty-five seconds, at a figure of a man lying down 200 and 300 yards distant; and slow fire at a 20-inch target 500 and 600 yards away.

Mr. Franklin, who is a trustee of the college, is a Confederate veteran and knows the importance of accurate aim in battle. He is one of the military department's most enthusiastic friends, and has recently aided them in establishing a 1000-yard rifle range for the use of the cadet corps.

Thank You.

The Chamber of Commerce takes this method of thanking all those who took part in the Better Farming Campaign. Especially do we thank the three printing establishments in Columbus for printing all circulars free of charge, the papers for the publicity they gave the cause, the auto owners for the free use of their cars, the business men who went out with the different teams, the hotel and transfer company for courtesies shown, and the various committees for their services.

W. H. CARTER,

Sec'y-Mgr.

NOTED EDUCATOR HEARD AT COLLEGE

DR. DAVID STARR JORDAN SPOKE HERE MONDAY EVENING.

TALKED ON WAR AND ITS CAUSES

Has Traveled Much in Foreign Lands and Has Studied Present Conditions.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford University, and a leading advocate for international peace and arbitration, lectured on "The Lessons of War."

Dr. Jordan is a man of wide experience and much knowledge, but as a lecturer he does not come up to the standard platform entertainer. He is a very enthusiastic advocate for peace, but he does not like to be quoted as favoring "peace at any price." He believes there is a remedy for war, and thinks that every effort should be made to bring it to a speedy close. While not openly opposed to preparedness, his talk was along the line of how peace could be brought about without arms.

In referring to the trouble the United States had with Canada, Dr. Jordan stated that there was never any need for war arms, and declared that "where nobody is loaded, nobody explodes."

During the course of his lecture he made known his views on the suffrage question, stating that his knowledge had been in states where women voted their household duties were not neglected as some people supposed, but that things in detail were carried on systematically, even to the "keeping of the buttons sewed on."

Dr. Jordan was born in Gainesville, N. Y., and received his education in Cornell University. Afterwards he was instructor in many of the leading colleges in the United States. For many years he was connected with the United States Fish Commission, and made many valuable research investigations.

Little Boy Dies.

Little Matthew Green, the sweet little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Green, passed away Sunday morning at their home on North Third avenue, after an illness of several weeks. Everything in the way of medical attention and careful and skilled nursing failed to restore him to health.

His little body was laid to rest in Friendship cemetery Monday beneath a grave covered with flowers. He has gone home to God and there is comfort in the thought that he will suffer no more.

Rev. W. S. Slack, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, conducted the funeral services at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the family residence.

Many friends in Columbus extend heartfelt sympathy to the family.

A. and M. Man Dies.

Agricultural College, Miss., Nov. 29.—Marion Pipkin Bishop, aged 65, quietly passed away at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Hightower, wife of the president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Bishop's death was expected, as he had been gradually sinking since taken with a stroke of paralysis over a year ago. He was a native of Panola county, but in early boyhood his parents moved to Lafayette county. Here Mr. Bishop went into business as merchant and planter. He was eminently successful in enterprises during his active career. For a number of years he was a moving factor for progress in school, church and community life in and around Oxford.

Mr. Bishop was a member of the first board of trustees for the state penitentiary under the new regime; appointed by Governor Vardaman. He was a devout Methodist, a member of the Woodmen of the World, and a loyal Mason. His body was laid to rest with Masonic ceremonies at Abbeville, Mississippi, Sunday.

Miss Geraud Dies.

Mrs. Peter Geraud received news the past week announcing the death of Miss Amelia Geraud, of Biloxi.

Miss Geraud was well known in Columbus, having visited here in years gone by. She was an accomplished young woman and was loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. T. G. Munger, who for some time past has been ill at Pickens, Miss., was able to return to Columbus Tuesday, and her many friends are glad to know that she is improved in health. She was accompanied home by Mrs. S. L. Munger, who has also been at Pickens for some time.

BRINGING SOME BIG ONES TO HATCH



—Hodge in Spoken Spokenian—

CELEBRATED CONTRALTO IS HEARD AT COLLEGE HERE

MADAME TILLY KOENEN PLEASED LARGE AUDIENCE AT I. I. AND C.

Madam Tilly Koenen, the celebrated Dutch contralto, appeared at the Industrial Institute and College Tuesday evening, and was greeted by an enthusiastic audience.

Madame Koenen sang four groups of songs, and her wonderful voice charmed her hearers. Not only the serious pieces, but the light ones too, were well received. Especially were the Dutch numbers enjoyed. Her tones were not only sweet, but great and beautiful, and proved her to be an artist of unusual ability.

Her accompanist, Mr. Boon, gave sympathetic help, proving himself to be an artist.

Woodmen Meeting.

Queen City Camp No. 23, Woodmen of the World, will elect officers and transact other business of importance at the next regular meeting which will be held the second Thursday night in December. All members are urged to attend this important session.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD BY ELKS SUNDAY

MEETING WILL BE AT HOME OF ELKS' AND ATTENDED ONLY BY MEMBERS OF LODGE

As a tribute to their departed brothers who have died during the past year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will hold memorial services Sunday afternoon, at the Elks' Home, and only the members of the order will attend the services. The program will consist of regular ritualistic work.

This service is held annually, not only in Columbus but wherever there is an Elks lodge. It is one of the honored principles of the order to meet once a year and pay tribute to the memory of departed members.

Heretofore special services have been held here and the public invited, but this year the meeting will be attended by the members only.

Freight Boat Leaves.

The "Little Irene," the freight boat placed on the Tombigbee river by Mr. Thos. J. Locke, Jr., left early Tuesday morning for points down the river, and carried a large shipment. It is expected to return to the city Friday or Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Patty returned to Columbus Monday, after a pleasant visit to relatives at Cliftonville.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hartsell regret to learn of their illness during the past week. Mr. Hartsell is a member of the Columbus Fire Department, and his position is being filled during his illness by Mr. J. B. Caldwell.

THIRTY KILLED WHEN DUPONT POWDER PACKING PLANT BURNS

NEARLY ALL VICTIMS OF BLAST WERE YOUNG MEN HARDLY GROWN.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Thirty workmen were killed and six fatally injured today when four tons of black powder exploded at the Upper Hagley yard of the DuPont Powder Company. The cause of the blast is not known. A statement issued by the company said the origin "will probably always remain a mystery."

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 16 and 21 years of age. Most of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion was in a packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment to the warring nations. The packing house was one of a large group of small buildings which make up the Upper Hagley plant, about three miles northwest of the city.

The blast rocked the Brandywine valley and shook and startled Wilmington. Workmen ran from every building and shack in the wide area which the company's plant covers.

A great column of smoke arose from the spot where the packing house stood and when the cloud disappeared there was only a big hole in the ground.

Twenty-six men were in the house that disappeared. The others killed and the wounded were hit by flying debris.

The pellet packing house was a one-story frame building, 18x20 feet, and was divided into six rooms. Nearby buildings were damaged. Company officials said the property loss was small.

NO VERDICT IN WATSON TRIAL

Augusta, Ga., December 1.—No verdict in the case of Tom Watson, charged with sending obscene matter through the mail, had been reached by the jury in Federal court here at a late hour Wednesday night.

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS PAY.

That Want Ads in the Commercial gets results is shown by the following:
Columbus, Mississippi,
Nov. 29, 1915.

Columbus Commercial, City, Gentlemen:

Your Want Ads are the best ever for QUICK RESULTS. Having occasion to try them when I lost my keys, I was more than pleased, for the keys were returned to me within twelve hours after the paper came off the press, the finder having noticed my advertisement after midnight Saturday night.

Wishing you much success, I am,

Very truly yours,
LACEY WILLIAMS.

FIRST BAPTIST BARACAS RE-ORGANIZE THEIR CLASS

INAUGURATE MOVEMENT TO HAVE ONE OF LARGEST AND BEST CLASSES IN STATE.

The Baraca class at the First Baptist church was re-organized Sunday new officers having been elected and plans made for making the class bigger and better than ever before.

The new officers elected are: Mr. V. B. Ines, president; Mr. H. H. McClanahan, secretary; Mr. M. C. Vandiver, treasurer. Other officers will be named during the month of December, and a complete re-organization will be ready to start on the first of the year.

The members expect to have seventy-five men in attendance at their class meeting Sunday morning.

Will Open Flower Store.

Mr. T. G. Owen, who is owner of the Owen Greenhouse in South Columbus, has leased the building on Main street formerly occupied by the Ezell Clothing Company, and will during the month of December have on display and sell the different kinds of flowers grown at his nursery.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

President Wilson has finished his annual address to Congress. He will deliver it December 8. It is understood that it is less than 4,000 words long.

The Southern Railway for October reported a gross increase of \$195,000 in its earnings, with a gain in operating income of \$620,000.

The National Committee of the Progressive party meets in Chicago January 11 to fix a time and place for the National Convention.

A submarine was sunk by a British aeroplane off Middlekirke Sunday, Field Marshall French reports. There were 15 aerial battles on the 28th.

The Upper South Carolina Southern Methodist Conference, being held in Spartanburg, S. C., Monday voted down a resolution of protest against President Wilson's preparedness policy. Advocates of the resolution pointed to Mr. Bryan's utterances as the proper course to follow.

British casualty lists published during November total 1,232 officers and 45,184 non-commissioned officers and men, altogether 46,416. This brings the total British casualties for the war up to approximately 600,000. The November casualties were lighter than those of October.

Mr. W. C. Adams, who holds a position with Hackleman and Son, was called to Macon Tuesday on account of the sudden death of his father. His many friends here deeply sympathize with him in this sad hour.

ITALIAN DEFENSIVE MAKES PROGRESS

FIERCEST BATTLE OF WAR IS RAGING AROUND GORIZIA.

RUSSIANS EXPECT TO AID SERBIANS

Greek Cabinet Delays Answer To Allies' Demand for the Safety of Their Army.

London, Nov. 30.—With the retreat of the greater part of the Serbian army across the Albanian frontier, the slowness of the operations against Montenegro and in Southern Serbia, owing to the wintry weather and the absence of any major operations on the western or eastern fronts, interest in the military side of the war is transferred to the Austro-Italian frontier where King Victor Emmanuel's troops are waging an energetic offensive against the Austrians.

The fighting on this front has been the most sustained and fiercest battle of the whole war. For weeks the Italians have been attacking the Austrian bridgeheads and mountain positions along the Isonzo river, and are slowly but surely drawing their nets around Tolmino, Gorizia and Doberdo. Their attacks have been repeated time after time against positions which had been most carefully prepared, and while the Austrians report that most of the assaults have been repulsed, their accounts are considered here to have been so worded as to prepare the public for their retirement from Gorizia at least.

The Servians, unless followed into Albania, will in time re-appear as a rejuvenated army, for it is said that 250,000 of them, including soldiers and civilians, have taken refuge there, and that they have saved all of their mountain batteries and a portion of their field guns. Also included in this number are all the youths that can fill the gaps when equipment reaches them from the Adriatic.

German papers state that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army, with Bulgarians and Turks, is to be directed against the Anglo-French forces in the south, but doubtless many of them are going down the Danube to meet the Russian menace.

The public is expecting every day to hear of the movement of the Russian army, which the Emperor recently reviewed in Bessarabia, but apparently the negotiations with Roumania for the use of the Danube have not been concluded. A Budapest report goes so far as to say that Roumania has refused permission to the Russians to use the river through Roumanian territory, which would be the more convenient route for an attack on western Bulgaria.

There seems also to be some hitch in the allies' negotiations with Greece, for nothing yet is forthcoming as to the latter country's reply to the latest demands for guarantees of safety and facilities for the entente's armies operating near the Greek frontier. The Greek reply was expected yesterday and the delay in its receipt leads to the supposition that the Greek cabinet is not prepared to go as far as the entente powers desire.

Good Play Saturday.

"Henpecked Henry" is the kind of show one takes pleasure in recommending to friends. Those Columbus people who have seen it in the big cities are boosting it very strongly. No chances are taken in praising this production in advance. It is entertainment of the ideal sort. There is a display of rare ability on the part of a coterie of singing and dancing faceurs and chorus who are provided with an excellent vehicle. It is broad satire at times, clever farce comedy always and laughs are certain. The fun is fast and furious at all times. "Henpecked Henry" will be seen at the Columbus Theatre on Saturday, December 4th.

Notice to Parent-Teachers.

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association of the Franklin Academy Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as business of importance will come before the meeting. MRS. SMITH WEAVER, Pres.

Play By Dramatic Club.

The Dramatic Club of the Industrial Institute and College, will present "The Imaginary Sick Man," by Moliere, in the chapel Friday evening, December 17. This is one of the best plays ever given by this club and will no doubt be seen by a large audience.

PETITION FILED AGAINST BONDS

HIGH SCHOOL MATTER TO BE PLACED BEFORE VOTERS.

MANY SIGNERS TO VOTE FOR BONDS

Some Feel That People Should Express Their Wishes In Matter.

A petition protesting against the proposed issuance of bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the erection and equipment of a new high school building, was filed Tuesday with Capt. D. P. Davis, city secretary and treasurer. This means that it will be necessary for the holding of an election, as the law provides that in the event twenty per cent. of the qualified electors protest against the issuance of the bonds they shall not be issued until the people have decided the matter at the polls.

It is said that many of the signers of the petition will themselves vote for the issuance of the bonds, and that the reason that they want an election is to give the people as a whole a chance of expressing their opinion in the matter.

The petition filed Tuesday is practically the same one used as a protest when the council first took up the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$40,000 for the erection and furnishing of a new high school building, and \$10,000 for the parking of Main street, and placing a white way thereon. This action was later withdrawn, and the aldermen decided to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for a new high school. The heading of the petition has been changed so as to apply to the bond issue as at present proposed, and a few additional signatures secured, there now being about 200 names on the petition.

Mr. Byron Loving, a student at the University of Mississippi, has returned to his studies after a pleasant visit to homefolk in this city.

LINCOLN NAMES GOOLSBY DEPUTY CHANCERY CLERK

WILL FILL PLACE MADE VACANT BY DEATH OF MR. W. J. LOWE.

Mr. Z. P. Goolsby, a prominent citizen of the Caledonia section, has been named by Chancery Clerk B. A. Lincoln as his deputy to fill the place made vacant by the death of Mr. W. J. Lowe.

Mr. Goolsby is well known in this city, having formerly been treasurer of Lowndes county, and he has many friends who congratulate him upon his appointment. He will not assume his new duties until January 1.

Visit A. and M. College.

Agricultural College, Miss., Nov. 30.—The Agricultural and Mechanical College presented an animated appearance today with between 800 and 900 visitors on the campus. This big delegation of visitors came from Lee county by special train and in automobiles.

Visitors came from Guntown, Sallito, Baldwin, Tupelo, Verona, Belton, Shannon, and every rural district of the county, under the direction of the Lee County Progressive League, of which S. J. High is president, and J. E. Ruff, county farm demonstrator, is secretary.

According to Mayor Will Robins the object of the trip is to help the Lee county farmers get the greatest benefit from the money the state is spending for experiments in beef cattle, mule raising and other lines of farming. He stated to President G. R. Hightower that this is a return trip the A. and M. boys took to Tupelo to play the University of Mississippi. The visitors stated that the gentlemanly conduct of the cadets won the college many friends.

Society to be Entertained.

The Christian Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church will be entertained by Mrs. Park's circle at the home of Mrs. George Sanders, South Seventh street, Friday afternoon, beginning promptly at 3 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to be present.

An interesting program has been arranged and there is business of importance.

Mrs. J. L. Welch's friends regret to learn that she has been among the sick the past several days.